

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (Previously presented). A method of inhibiting the growth of multiple-resistant bacteria comprising topical administration of a pharmaceutical composition comprising 15% by weight or more of pentane-1,5-diol and a pharmaceutical acceptable carrier.

2 (Previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is essentially free of a bacteriostatic agent other than pentane-1, 5-diol.

3 (Canceled).

4 (Previously presented). The method of claim 2, wherein the carrier comprises a patch of a woven or non-woven material or a combination thereof.

5 – 7 (Canceled)

8 (Previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the composition is applied to a surface contaminated by said bacteria.

9 (Previously presented). The method of claim 8, wherein said composition is essentially free from bacteriostatic agents.

10 (Previously presented). The method of claim 8, wherein the carrier is an aqueous carrier.

11 (Original). The method of claim 10, wherein the aqueous carrier comprises a thickening agent.

12 (Previously presented). The method of claim 11, wherein said thickening agent is a cellulose derivative.

13 (Previously presented). The method of claim 8, wherein the carrier comprises a detergent.

14 (Previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a patch of a woven or non-woven material or a combination thereof.

15 – 17 (Canceled).

18 (Previously presented). A method of disinfecting a non-porous surface contaminated with multiple resistant bacteria, comprising:

- providing a disinfecting composition comprising 15% or more by weight of pentane-1,5-diol and a carrier therefor;
- applying said composition to said surface;
- optionally, keeping said composition in contact with said surface for a period of time from 5 min to 24 hrs at ambient temperature, and
- rinsing said surface with water or an aqueous detergent composition.

19 (Previously presented). The method of claim 8, wherein the carrier comprises a patch of a woven or non-woven material or a combination thereof

20 (Previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier comprises a bacterioside which has a bacteriostatic effect which is less than 5% on a weight basis of the bacteriostatic effect of pentane-1, 5-diol.

21 (Previously presented). The method of claim 20, wherein the carrier comprises a patch of a woven or non-woven material or a combination thereof

22. (Previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the carrier is an aqueous carrier.

23 (Previously presented). The method of claim 22, wherein the aqueous carrier comprises a thickening agent, a detergent or both.

24 (Previously presented). The method of claim 12, wherein said thickening agent is selected from the group consisting of methyl cellulose, hydroxymethyl cellulose, and hydroxymethyl-propyl cellulose.

25 (Previously presented). The method of claim 13, wherein the detergent is a salt of a fatty acid.